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EDUCATION/TRAINING (<i>Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.</i>)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Brescia University, Italy Brescia University, Italy Brescia University, Italy	M.D. Ph.D. Residency/Specialization	1988 1994 1997	Medicine/Pharmacology Pharmacotherapy Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry

A. Positions and Honors.**Positions and Employment**

- 1984-1988 Internal student, Pharmacology, School of Medicine, University of Brescia
 1989-1994 Research fellow, Pharmacology, School of Medicine, University of Brescia
 1995-2000 Instructor and Fellow in Pharmacology, School of Medicine, University of Milan
 2001- Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy, School of Medicine, University of Milan

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

- 1990-1991 Research fellow, Pharmacological Research Department, F. Hoffman-LaRoche Ltd, Basel, Switzerland
 1994-present Member, Italian Obesity Society
 2000-present Referee of the Italian Ministry of Health for the section of Pharmacology and Clinical Toxicology
 2001-present Consultant of the Italian Agency for Control of Advertising – Foods and supplements section
 2005-present Steering Committee, InLaNe Obesity Prevention Network

B. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order).

(Publications selected from 76 peer-reviewed publications – Citation Index: 1588, H-index: 19)

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 11. Nisoli E, Clementi E, Tonello C, Moncada S, Carruba MO. Can endogenous gaseous messengers control mitochondrial biogenesis in mammalian cells? *Prostaglandins Other Lipid Mediat.* 73: 9-27, 2004.
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